

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A packaging kit for orthodontic brackets comprising:  
  
a base tray;  
  
a plurality of pedestals formed on said base tray, each pedestal configured to support an orthodontic bracket; and  
  
a protective lid for covering said base tray and said plurality of pedestals.
2. A packaging kit as recited in claim 1, further comprising a blister cover configured to be placed over said orthodontic brackets so as to further retain said orthodontic brackets on top of said pedestals.
3. A packaging kit as recited in claim 1, wherein said base tray includes an undulating profile so as to define an upper level for maxillary brackets and a lower level for mandibular brackets.
4. A packaging kit as recited in claim 3, wherein said base tray further includes a replica tongue.
5. A packaging kit as recited in claim 1, wherein said plurality of pedestals are positioned in a staggered, radial arc arrangement to facilitate manual retrieval of individual orthodontic brackets.

6. A packaging kit as recited in claim 1, wherein said protective lid is substantially opaque to curing light wavelengths.

7. A packaging kit as recited in claim 2, wherein said blister cover is substantially opaque to curing light wavelengths.

8. A packaging kit as recited in claim 1, further comprising a plurality of orthodontic brackets, each bracket supported on top of one of said pedestals.

9. A packaging kit as recited in claim 8, each orthodontic bracket being temporarily bonded to one of said pedestals with a pre-applied adhesive.

10. A packaging kit as recited in claim 9, wherein said pre-applied adhesive is light curable.

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11. A packaging kit for orthodontic brackets comprising:
  - a base tray;
  - a plurality of pedestals formed on said base tray, each pedestal configured to support an orthodontic bracket;
  - a protective lid for covering said base tray and said plurality of pedestals;
  - a blister cover configured to be placed over said orthodontic brackets so as to further retain said orthodontic brackets on top of said pedestals; and
  - wherein at least one of said protective lid or said blister cover is substantially opaque to curing light wavelengths.

12. A packaging kit for orthodontic brackets comprising:
- a base tray;
  - a plurality of pedestals formed on said base tray, each pedestal configured to support an orthodontic bracket;
  - a protective lid for covering said base tray and said plurality of pedestals;
  - a plurality of orthodontic brackets, each bracket supported on top of one of said pedestals, each bracket being temporarily bonded to one of said pedestals with a pre-applied light curable adhesive.

13. A method of installing one or more orthodontic brackets comprising:  
providing a packaging kit for orthodontic brackets comprising:  
a base tray;  
a plurality of pedestals formed on said base tray, each pedestal configured to support an orthodontic bracket;  
a protective lid for covering said base tray and said plurality of pedestals; and  
a plurality of orthodontic brackets, each bracket supported on top of one of said pedestals;  
retrieving one or more of said orthodontic brackets from said pedestals; and  
bonding said one or more orthodontic brackets to a patient's teeth.
14. A method as recited in claim 13, wherein each orthodontic bracket includes a pre-applied light curable adhesive.
15. A method as recited in claim 14, further comprising curing said light curable adhesive.